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CUSTOMER NUMBER 22,852

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Inventor: **Marie ROSIER et al.** ) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
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Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
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Filed: March 5, 2002 )  
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For: **NUCLEIC ACIDS OF THE HUMAN** )  
**ABCC11 GENE, VECTORS** )  
**CONTAINING SUCH NUCLEIC** )  
**ACIDS AND USES THEREOF** )

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
**Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 2, after the title, insert new paragraph as follows:

--This application claims the benefit of provisional application number  
60/272,757, filed on March 5, 2001, the content of which is incorporated herein by  
reference.--

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**REMARKS**


The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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